

## IFSSA/DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

### Administrative Directive

Guidelines for submitting applications to obtain specific approval as a new opioid treatment provider in the State of Indiana

Effective: May 5, 2006

#### I. PURPOSE

This directive establishes guidelines for submitting applications to the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration Division of Mental Health and Addiction ("DMHA") to obtain specific approval as a new opioid treatment provider ("OTP") in the State of Indiana.

#### II. APPLICATION

This directive applies to DMHA-certified addiction treatment services providers under 440 IAC 4.4 seeking DMHA approval as a new OTP.

#### III. POLICY STATEMENT

A. Applicants shall demonstrate that they meet the following mandatory criteria:

1. The opioid treatment program for which the provider is seeking approval will be located in a county of 40,000 or more population; and
2. There are no other providers of opioid treatment in the county in which the provider is seeking approval; and
3. That applicant has obtained regular certification as an addiction treatment services provider under 440 IAC 4.4.

B. Applicants shall submit documentation of the following:

1. Experience in providing addiction treatment services, including any treatment of opioid addiction; and
2. Local support for establishing an OTP through efforts such as focus groups, public meetings, and other public awareness initiatives, and letters of endorsement from public officials, the health care community, etc.; and
3. A description of how the applicant intends to establish a full-range opioid treatment program which provides a comprehensive range of clinical assessment, rehabilitation, and treatment services utilizing methadone and other medications approved by the federal government for the detoxification and maintenance of persons addicted to heroin or other opioids.

C. Utilizing data from various sources, including the scientific literature and local, regional, State and federal sources, applicants to become a new OTP shall supply, in writing, a needs assessment which covers the following:

1. The extent of a heroin or other opioid problem in the county in which the provider is seeking approval;

2. The extent of a need for a heroin or opioid treatment program in the county; and
  3. The extent of the impact of the heroin or other opioid problem on individuals and society.
- D. When there is more than one application to obtain approval as an OTP in an eligible county, the DMHA will evaluate the quality of the submitted applications based on consideration of how well the applicant meets the criteria identified in B. and C. above.
- E. On July 1 of each year, DMHA will announce the timeframe for submitting applications for approval as a new OTP. The announcement will be posted on the DMHA website <http://www.in.gov/fssa/servicemental> and will be published in the July edition of the *Indiana Register*.

#### IV. DEFINITIONS

- New OTP:** An OTP dispensing opioid medications at a new location. Approved OTP's which move dispensing locations from one facility to another facility within the county in which their approval was obtained are not considered "new OTP's".
- Opioid:** Natural derivative of opium or a synthetic psychoactive substance that has analgesic and addictive effects similar to morphine or is capable of conversion into a drug having such effects.
- Eligible County:** An Indiana county with a population of 40,000 or more in which there is no approved OTP.

#### V. LEGAL REFERENCES AND AUTHORITY

Authority: IC 12-23-18; PL 28-2004 as amended by HEA 1023 (2006); 42 CFR 8.11 and 8.12; and 440 IAC 4.4

Affected: None

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